(a) whether it is a fact that the task of handling immigration entrusted to the local police has been found lacking to contain the growing numbers of subversive and spies at Atari;

(b) whether it is also a fact that among three points-Wagha (by road), Atari (by rail) and Rajasansi (by air), the sensitivity of atari post has reently been realised with detention of large consignment of fake currency notes, arms and narcotics brought from Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the increasing incidents of smuggling of arms, drugs, fake Indian currency and subversive elements at attari from across the border. With a view to improve the immigration work at Atari, Wagha and Rajasansi check posts in Amritsar district it has been decided to take over the immigration as well as registration functions for foreigners there by the Bureau of Immigration under Central Government from the State Police.

' Militants Surrendered in Assam

4747. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of surrendered militants registered in Assam, year-wise since the inception of surrender programme;

(b) the list of rehabilitation package in operation and proposed;

(c) whether a special scheme of Margin Money was introduced in Assam during 1992-1997 for rehabilitation of surrendered militants;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme, amount of money released, number of militants availed and kind of self- employment avenues created; and

(e) the reaction of Government to the proposal of the Assam Government for reimbursement by the centre of the accumulated loan burden, now being borne by the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of Militants in the North-East is applicable to those millitants who have surrendered/surrender after 01.04.1998 with at least one weapon specified in the scheme itself. At present, the Scheme covers only Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura. The Government of India provides 100% reimbursement for expenditure incurred on the rehabilitation of surrenderees.

Benefits under the Scheme are as follows:

1. Persons eligible under the Scheme will be initially lodged in a Rehabilitation Camp where they will be imparted training in a trade/ vocation of their liking or befitting their aptitude.

2. They shall be paid a monthly stipend for a period of 12 months. The stipend in respect of a surrenderee shall not exceed Rs. 2000/- per month. The scale of stipend for various categories of surrenderees will be decided by the State Government in consultatioin with the Government of India.

3. Board and lodging at the Rehabililtation Camp will be free.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Assam implemented a scheme called "100% special Margin Money Scheme" for rehabilitation of misguided youths from 01.06.92 to 31.03.97. The benefit under this scheme was extended to 4843 ULFA and Bodo surrenderees involving Rs. 30.30 crores of margin money provided by the state Government and Rs. 69 crores loan given by various nationalised banks against State Government guarantee.

(e) The Central Government does not favour the proposal of the Government of Assam for reimbursement of accummulated loan burden by the Centre.

Laws Dealing with Sexual Offences

4748. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has urged Government to make several changes in the existing laws dealing with sexual offences more stringent and setting up of special courts to try such offences exclusively;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;